

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 7-12 were presented for examination, claims 5 and 6 having been previously withdrawn in response to a Restriction Requirement. Applicants amend claims 8-9 and 11-12, and cancel claims 7 and 10 herein. No new matter is added.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-4, 8-9, and 11-12 remain pending, of which claim 1 is independent. Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding rejections.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-4, and further for indicating that claims 8-12 are objected to for depending from rejection independent claim 7, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 7 currently stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants cancel claim 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 7 is moot. Claims 8-9 and 11-12 are amended to depend from allowed claim 1. Claim 10 is canceled as being redundant.

Therefore, each dependent claim now depends from allowed claim 1. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner deems that further issues persist, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the phone number provided below.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.. If further issues persist, we invite the Examiner to call the undersigned at the below noted number.

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